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WANTS GOVERNMENT TO SUE NEW YORK WORLD

Sends Vigorous Statement to
Senate Demanding Suit
Against Pulitzer.

STORIES FALSE HE SAYS

And "Scurrilous and Libel-
ous in Nature as to Pana-
ma Canal Purchase.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—President Roosevelt today sent to the Senate a statement concerning the purchase of the Panama Canal property by the United States, and denouncing in strong language the charges that there had been anything wrong in the acquisition by the United States of the canal property. "These stories," he continues, "were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis called 'The News,' edited by Delvin Smith. The stories were scurrilous and libelous in character and false in every essential particular. Smith shelters himself behind the excuse that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper published in New York, 'The World,' owned by Joseph Pulitzer. It is idle to say that the known character of Pulitzer and his newspaper are such that statements in that paper would be believed by nobody."

After pointing out the mistakes and the alleged misrepresentations on the part of the authors of the stories, the President continues: "The real offender is Pulitzer. While the criminal offense of which Pulitzer has been guilty is in form a libel upon individuals, the great injury done is in blackening the good name of the American people. It should not be left to a private citizen to sue Pulitzer for libel. He should be prosecuted for libel by the governmental authorities. It is therefore a high national duty to bring to justice this villain of the American people. The attorney general has under consideration the form in which the proceedings against Pulitzer shall be brought."

The President refers to various papers, which he transmits with his message, explaining the method of concluding the purchase. "The President takes upon himself the responsibility for all that he has done to carry out the will of Congress and the action of the government, he says, was wholly unflinching by any question of who were or who were not stockholders either in the new or the old company."

The President says the United States did not have anything to do with the distribution of a dollar of the money paid out except in following the instruction of the French court.

MODEL LICENSE

Is the Subject Under Consideration at a Meeting of
Saloon Men Today.

A meeting of the members of the West Virginia Model License League was held at the Windsor hotel in Wheeling at 10 o'clock this morning to consider the framing of a model license bill for the state. The matter of presenting such legislation at the next meeting of the legislature is being considered, and the purpose of the plan is to put the saloon business of the state upon a higher plane. The proposed bill is similar to the model license law of Kentucky, which among other things provides that the license of the saloonist shall be suspended for the first violation of the liquor laws, and for the second offense revoked, and the offender never again be granted a license in the state.

All licenses remain in force unless revoked. It is the aim to so gradually reduce the number of licenses that there will be one saloonist to every 500 persons in the state. J. J. Kearney, president of the league, and S. J. Hyman, secretary, are there from Huntington, and other prominent members registered at the Windsor hotel are Griffith Smith, of Point Pleasant, and Leo Vander Vaar of Huntington.

BARRETT NAMED.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 15.—Deputy Marshall A. T. Barrett has been named by United States Marshal C. D. Elliott to take the place of the late chief deputy, C. M. Shrewsbury, whose death occurred recently.

MORE COTTAGES BUILDING.

The contract for three more cottages in the Stuart addition to the city has been awarded by N. Baker and Dr. U. W. Showalter and work was begun on them this morning. They will be pushed to speedy completion and will afford nice homes.

TAXES TAKEN OFF BY COUNTY COURT

And Bonds of County Officers-Elect Are Accepted and Oaths Administered.

Tax exonerations and the qualification of county officers-elect occupied a major portion of the county court's time and attention Tuesday. All the members of the court were sitting with Deputy Roy Byrd recording the proceedings.

Roanna Lambert was exonerated of the payment of taxes for 1907 and 1908 on 31 acres located at Lost Creek and the charge was ordered stricken from the land books.

Thirty-one acres assessed to C. M. Wolfe and valued at \$844 was combined with 62 acres charged to Mollie Dawson and valued at \$1,845 and all was charged to Mollie Dawson \$1,229 an acre and \$110 for the buildings.

R. V. Thompson was exonerated on \$1,520 valuation for the last two years and the value was reduced from \$1,760 to \$240.

Willie C. Bumgardner was exonerated on an excessive valuation on 74 acres in Elk district assessed at \$746.

A lot in the Pritchard addition valued at \$533 was stricken off and then charged to Thomas M. Hood at \$530.

Seventeen acres in Simpson district charged to Andrew S. Carr at \$530 were stricken off and he was exonerated of the payment of taxes on the tract for 1907 and 1908.

John B. Strother, county commissioner-elect, took the oath of office and was congratulated by the members of the court.

James M. Plant qualified as justice of the peace for Sardis district giving the required bond with W. G. Plant and Luther Pittro sureties.

The court appointed itself to view a proposed road through lands of Benjamin F. Heldrich, Thaddeus Robinson and Emory F. Monroe in Eagle district.

J. D. Wilkinson qualified as justice of the peace for Simpson district with bond at \$3,500 and Gordon B. Late and A. D. Corpening sureties.

The estate of Thomas H. Williams, a convict in the state penitentiary, was committed to the sheriff. Ira Cleaver was allowed an exonerated on \$185 valuation.

Ernest L. Pigott qualified as assessor giving two bonds—one of \$3,000 and the other \$12,000. His sureties are Omar W. Swiger, Luther W. Pigott, F. W. Cunningham and Robert R. Hardesty.

Sheriff-elect Michael J. Francis expects to qualify at tomorrow's session. An exonerated was allowed Mrs. Caroline M. Jackson on a lot assessed at \$3,500 and the lot charge was ordered stricken from the land books.

George W. Harrison qualified as justice of the peace in Clay district and gave bond of \$3,500 with George F. Randall surety.

A road was established through the land of Ida M. Hustead.

Benjamin F. Harbert qualified as constable for Eagle district with bond at \$4,000 and G. A. Robey, James Starks and F. M. Robinson sureties.

Frederick M. Davidson qualified as constable of Teunille district with bond at \$4,000 and Silas Pittro and Cyrus R. Lyon sureties.

ELKS TO MEET.

The regular meeting of the Clarksville lodge of Elks will be held in the lodge hall on Thursday evening and all members are urged to attend.

PRIZE VESSEL IS TOWED INTO PORT

LAUGHABLE

Is "Hooligan's Troubles," Which Appears Here Saturday.

Dull care, the blues, and all forms of melancholy are the avowed enemies of Hooligan's Troubles, which come to the Grand Saturday matinee and night, December 19. The spirit of merriment is turned on with the rise of the curtain on the first act, and there is a continuous flow of mirth until the final of the curtain. Judging from the prospect, the local theatricals should be prepared with laughter receptacles. It promises to be the hit of the season.

Henry R. McCord was here Tuesday from Meadowbrook on business. Walter M. Morris, of Mt. Clare, spent Tuesday in the city.

JEWISH FEAST

Of Lights Will Soon Be Observed the World Over.

Millions of little tapers will shed their light in the Jewish homes and synagogues the world over at the celebration of the Feast of Lights, which will begin December 19 and last for eight days. The Feast of Lights, also known as Hanukkah and the Feast of the Maccabees, commemorates the emancipation of the Jews by the Maccabees after a struggle of 14 years against the Seleucid kings of Syria.

In 163 B. C., three years before the installation of Hanukkah, Antiochus Epiphanes set up an idol in the temple and commanded the Jews to worship it. The Jews looked upon the momentary triumphs of the Syrian faith as a degradation and a failure of their people in their religious ideal.

The restoration of their power resulted in the calling together of the elders of Jerusalem, purifying of the temple and declaration of a celebration of eight days, during which lights were kindled.

The present-day celebration consists of the kindling of tapers—one on the first day, two on the second, and so on up to eight on the last day. The lights are generally kindled by the elders of the house with appropriate benedictions. In the synagogues "Hallel," a song of praise and rejoicing, is sung and a prayer is recited telling the historic basis of the feast.

The progressive number of lights is symbolic of the gradual ascendancy of Judas with a handful of men against the Syrian multitude.

CASE GOES UP To the Supreme Court of the United States for Review By That Tribunal.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 15.—Circuit Judge Goff and Pritchard and District Judge Morris, sitting in the United States circuit court of appeals yesterday afternoon heard arguments in the case of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad against the interstate commerce commission and the case was ordered certified for review to the Supreme Court of the United States.

The case grows out of the complaint of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company to the interstate commerce commission, alleging that the Baltimore & Ohio distributed its cars unequally in the coal regions and asking that the railroad company be enjoined from so distributing them. The commission heard the case and decided that the railroad company did so distribute its cars. The railroad appealed from this decision to the United States circuit court.

TO CANVASS VOTE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, has introduced a concurrent resolution providing that the two houses of congress shall assemble in the chamber of the house of representatives, on Wednesday, February 10, to canvass the vote for president and vice president. The resolution was referred to Senator Burrows's committee.

Word of the capture has already been received here and a great throng of people lined the quays to witness the entrance of the battleship and its prize. The crew of the De Mayo is on the Venezuelan coast.

FORMER SLAVE DEAD.

PARKERSBURG, Dec. 15.—Ann Mary Lee, one of the best known colored women in the state, is dead. She was 84 years of age. She was a slave in her early life.

STRIKE OF THE GLASSWORKERS

Mitchell Makes an Address

An Equitable Trade Agreement is the Problem to be Solved, He Says.

PRAISES FEDERATION

And Believes Time Has Come for Individual Relations to Naturally Cease.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, spoke last night as chairman of the Trade Agreement Department at the annual meeting of the National Civic Federation. He said:

Coincident with and growing out of our marvelous industrial and commercial development, new and perplexing problems have arisen, the solution of which involves alike the security, stability and prosperity of the workmen and employers of our country. The invention and installation of machinery and the application of new processes have revolutionized the old system of production and distribution and have necessarily developed a new and altogether complex relationship between the workman and the employer. The individual employer has merged his interests and identity in the modern corporation and the individual workman has merged his interests and identity in the trade organization.

The evolution in the industrial and social life of our people is viewed with favor or distrust largely to the extent that it affects the personal interests or personal prejudices of each individual or distinctive group. There are those, not a few in number, who view with alarm the organization of both labor and capital and who predict that safety lies only in the old system of individual effort. And, paradoxical as it may appear, there are many who favor and profit by the organization of capital who yet deny to labor the right of association, just as there are workmen, who, claiming and exercising the right of association and federation, yet deny a corresponding right to capital.

It is a waste of time to deplore the passing of the individual relationship between employer and workman which existed under the old order of production. The organization of labor and the combination of capital is the natural and logical sequence of cruel, wasteful, and ruinous competition. Whether for weal or for woe, the old system has gone forever, and the new alignments, with all their latent possibilities of good and evil are here to stay. To find an equitable basis of agreement, to establish a proper understanding between these two seemingly irreconcilable interests is the problem which the people of our day and of our time must solve.

The proposition stated candidly and without equivocation is, shall these two powerful forces, each indispensable to the other, wage continuous and destructive warfare or shall they recognize each other's existence and adopt measures which will insure on an equitable basis industrial peace and commercial prosperity, at the same time affording to the general public protection and insurance against the discomforts, the cost, and the inconvenience which accompany industrial strife.

The National Civic Federation, in keeping with the spirit of the times, has declared, "that at all times representatives of employers and workers, organized or unorganized, should confer for the adjustment of differences or disputes before an acute stage is reached, and thus avoid or minimize the number of strikes or lockouts; that mutual agreements or conditions under which labor shall be performed should be encouraged, and that when wage agreements are made they should be adhered to, both in letter and spirit, by both parties." From the foregoing it will be seen that the National Civic Federation, when organized, declared in favor of the trade agreement as a means of maintaining peace between workmen and employers, and it is to the promotion of this central idea that the Trade Agreement Department is devoted.

The trade agreement naturally presupposes an organization of labor, the collective bargain, in the very nature of things, is impossible between an individual workman and single or associated employers. However, satisfactory working agreements can and often are made between the individual employer and his associated employees; but experience has demonstrated that those

LIVELY CONTEST FOR SENATORSHIP

Is On at Indianapolis and Democrats Hold a Love Feast.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—Democratic legislators, aspirants for the senatorial toga and the speaker'ship of the House of Representatives at the coming session of the legislature and applicants for appointments under Governor-elect Marshall are holding a conference and love feast here today.

The Denison hotel where the conference is being held, is crowded with leaders of the party from all parts of the state. The chief topic of conversation is the race for United States senator and there are six aspirants for the seat of Senator Hemmaway. They are John W. Kern, State Senator Slack, of Franklin; Former Congressman Shively, John E. Lamb, of Mount Vernon, and Edward C. Hoffman, of Fort Wayne.

All of the candidates are here and the race promises to be a lively affair. There will be a banquet tonight at which all of the candidates will speak.

DEPARTMENTS

Of the University and the Lines of Work Being Done There.

The West Virginia University may perform most effectively and economically the large measure of service for which it was established and endowed, the several branches of its work have been organized into divisions called colleges, schools and experiment stations, each of these having its own organization and responsible head—all under the direct authority of the President of the University. Within the several colleges and schools are the particular departments of instruction and investigation. The twelve divisions of University activity are classified as follows:

- I. The College of Arts and Sciences.
- II. The College of Engineering and Mechanical Arts.
- III. The College of Agriculture.
- IV. The College of Law.
- V. The College of Medicine.
- VI. The School of Music.
- VII. The School of Fine Arts.
- VIII. The School of Military Science and Tactics.
- IX. The Summer School.
- X. The Commercial School.
- XI. The Preparatory School.
- XII. The Agricultural Experiment Station.

RIFLE RANGE

Of Six Hundred Acres in Preston County is Recommended.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 15.—Governor Dawson has received a letter from Major J. M. Burns, the regular army officer assigned to the West Virginia National Guards, recommending the purchase of 600 acres near Caddell, Preston county, to be used as a state rifle range and permanent encampment. Major Burns lays much stress upon the fact that there is not a saloon within 30 miles of the proposed camp and little chance of a saloon ever coming any nearer.

Squire James T. Bumgardner, of Salem, was a visitor in the city Tuesday, spent Tuesday in the city.

EXCELLENT WOMAN IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Miss Mollie Virginia Smith, Prominent Educator, Dies Unexpectedly at Home.

Miss Mollie Virginia Smith, daughter of James E. Smith, deceased, and Mrs. Ellen Smith, died at her home on Sycamore street Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock after a lingering illness of a complication of diseases. Although she had been ill for nearly a year and had been bedfast for three months, her death was unexpected. She had planned to spend in a short time for Florida to spend the winter in the hope that the climate there would benefit her health. Miss Smith's death causes profound grief among countless friends. She was a most estimable and noble Christian woman and was esteemed

in the highest by every one who knew her. She was one of the prominent educators of this county and for several years was an instructor in the city high school. Later she became an instructor in the Fairmont state normal school and was made preceptress there, a position she filled with splendid ability until last spring when she was compelled to give it up on account of ill health.

Surviving Miss Smith are her mother, Mrs. Ellen Smith; and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Stuart F. Reed and Miss Cora Smith, of the city; Miss Rose Smith, of Denver, Colo., who was with her sister when she died; Mrs. L. A. Righter, of McAlpin, and Howard B. Smith. Arrangements for the funeral have not been completed as yet, but it will likely be held some time Thursday.

Is Expected, if the Flat Wage Scale is Not Accepted at Once.

AT AN EARLY DATE

Will the Men in That Event Be Called Out All Over the Entire Country.

The sliding scale is doomed according to what the glassworkers say about it and it is expected that there will be strenuous action within the next few days.

It is intimated from more than one quarter that all the men are expecting to be called out Thursday of the present week, though the more conservative hope that the new scale may be accepted without the necessity of resorting to a strike.

The last two days meetings have been held for the purpose of formulating a flat scale of wages, which will be submitted to the men and manufacturers and, until this action is taken it is believed there will be no definite steps taken toward a strike.

The impression is made that the workers will take a determined stand against the sliding scale and that the flat scale as formulated may be substituted. If not, the men will all be called out and the battle for the scale as proposed will begin.

The strike, if called, will be in effect among the window glassworkers throughout the glass-making regions of the entire country.

It is claimed conditions are different from those prevailing last year, all four trades being united. It is also stated that the cutters and flatteners of the American Window Glass Company will be included in the strike, if called.

At press time the following telegraphic message was received here from President Paulkner of the National Window Glass Workers from Cleveland:

"Present wage scale will terminate Friday midnight. Letter follows."

MANY REBUITS

Are Being Sent to Uncle Sam's Army from the Station Here.

Sergeant George W. Hawthorne has done a big business since he opened the recruiting station here a few days ago. Many a man has wended his way into the federal building and presented himself to the officer for service in the army. He has accepted Ralph A. Cottrill, of the city; George W. Corley and Benjamin H. Row, of Junior; William M. Cottrill, of the city; Ezra Williams, of West Union; Glen L. Galford, of Greenbank, and Ralph Ingraham, of Weston. All were sent to Columbus, O., to be assigned to the infantry, except Ingraham, who re-enlisted from the Third cavalry and was sent to the Thirtieth cavalry at Fort Meyer, Va. Sergeant Hawthorne expects to send six more men to the army this week.

COLONEL TETER

Is Looking After Matters in Connection With the Inauguration.

Col. Charles F. Teter, the big and brainy Republican politician from Harbourside, was a distinguished visitor here today. Col. Teter attended to some business he has on hand, and there was yet another mission he had. Unable to ascertain definitely the Telegram wanted to believe Col. Teter was actively engaged in matters in connection with the Presidential inauguration and is said to be co-operating with the inaugural committee. It is right in his line and the jovial Colonel certainly would make it a go so far as West Virginia is concerned.

ESCAPES THROUGH WINDOW.

NEW MARTINSVILLE, Dec. 15.—Zack Stout, alleged proprietor of a speakeasy and gambling room at Folsom, died through a window of a Short Line passenger train yesterday and escaped after his place had been raided and 18 men captured Saturday night.

FUNERAL OF B. B. STOUT.

The funeral of Benjamin Bassel Stout, who died suddenly of heart trouble near his home at West Branch Monday morning, will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will be held at his late home, led by the Rev. Lloyd W. Holden, and the burial will be in the Masonic cemetery in this city.

MRS. RIDER ILL.

Mrs. Ernest Rider is quite ill at her home in Broad Oaks and it is believed she is threatened with diphtheria.